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1 IN THE COURSE OF CONVERSATION ON OTHER TOPICS, EMBOFF DISCUSSED SELA PROSPECTS WITH ECONOMY AND FINANCE MINISTER ALEJANDRO VEGH VILLEGAS. VEGH CONFIRMED PRESS RPORTS THAT HE WOLD NOT BE ATTENDING PANAMA MEETING JULY 31. HE SAID IT HAD NOT YET BEEN DECIDED WHETHER GOU WOULD SEND LOWER-RANKING OFFICIAL OR NOT ATTEND AT ALL.

2. VEGH SAI D GOU CONSIDERS SELA POLITICAL, NOT ECONOMIC, SUBJECT. HE WAS CONCERNED BY WHAT HE SAID WERE "ANTI-MERICAN"
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OVERTONES, PARTICULARLY COMING FROM MEXICO.

3. VEGH SAID FOREIGN OFFICE IS CONTINUING TO CONSULT WITH NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. ALL SEEM TO HAVE A SIMILARLY GUARDED ATTITUDE TOWARD SELA PROSPECTS AND ARE OPPOSED TO A MINISTERIAL MEETING AT THIS TIME.

4. THE MINISTER INDICATED THAT URUGUAY MIGHT NOT EVEN BE REPRESENTED AT TECHNICAL-LEVEL MEETING IF CUBA IS INVITED.

5. COMMENT: VEGH'S REMARKS THAT SELA IS POLITICAL, RATHER THAN ECONOMIC, TOPIC REFLECTS GOU VIEW THAT THERE IS LITTLE LIKELIHOOD THAT URUGUAY COULD BENEFIT ECONOMICALLY FROM PRODUCER ORGANIZATIONS, GIVEN ITS PARTICULAR STRUCTURE OF EXPORTS.

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